

THE IMPACT OF DIVORCE ON ADOLESCENTS' SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SELANGOR, MALAYSIA: A COMPREHENSIVE LITERATURE REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

This comprehensive literature review examines the multifaceted effects of parental divorce on adolescents aged 15-17 in Selangor, Malaysia. By synthesizing existing research, we explore how divorce influences adolescents' emotional well-being, behavioral outcomes, academic performance, and social relationships within the unique cultural context of Malaysia. The review highlights significant correlations found in previous studies between parental divorce and increased emotional distress, behavioral problems, and academic challenges among adolescents. Additionally, we analyze research identifying cultural factors that exacerbate these issues, including stigma and societal expectations specific to the Malaysian context. This review underscores the need for culturally sensitive interventions to support this vulnerable population and informs future research directions.

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